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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is urgent need for labour reforms;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) whether welfare and the interests of the working class would be given due weightage in the emerging labour reforms scenario; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (d): Labour Reforms essentially mean taking steps to increase production, productivity and employment opportunities in the economy while protecting overall interests of labour. It implies skill development, retraining, redeployment, updating knowledge base of worker-teachers etc. Labour Reforms is a continuous process. It may require some changes in labour laws which are accomplished by the Government after detailed consultations with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all stakeholders.